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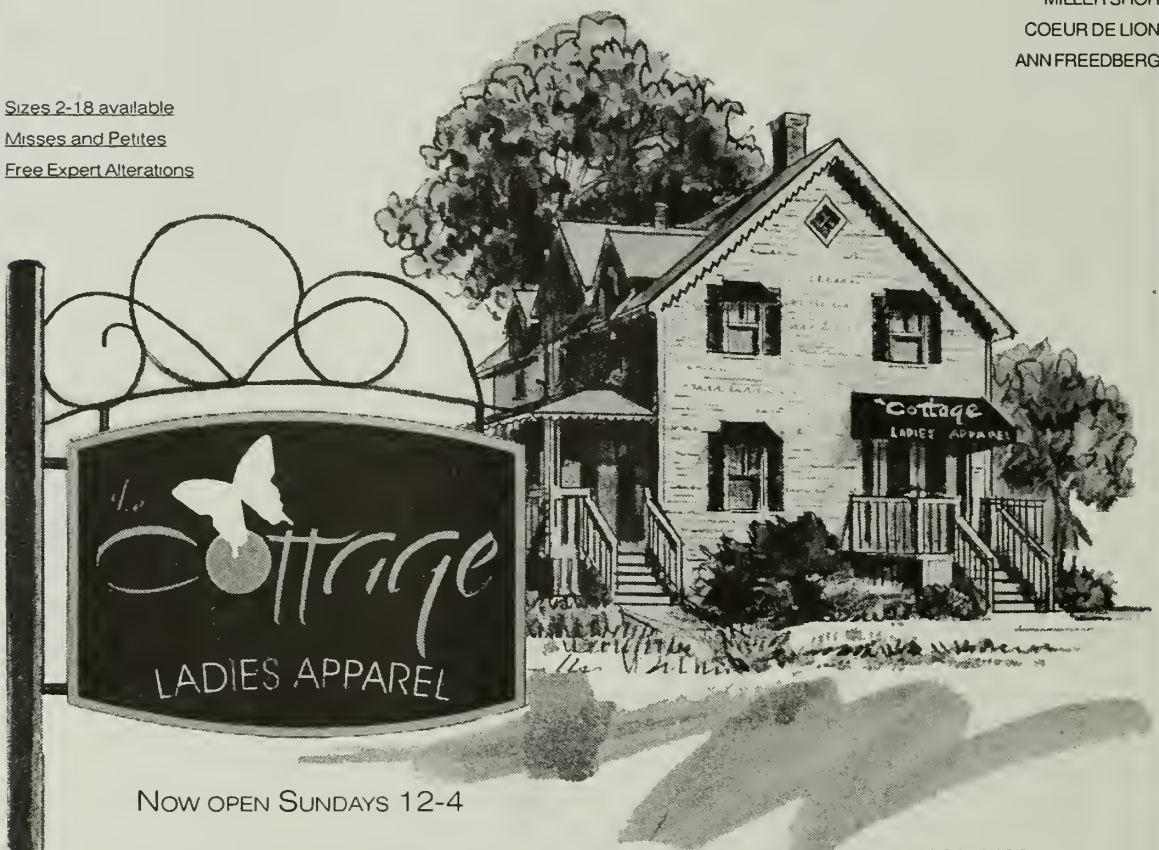

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The Cool School of the Year will be determined by popular vote on the Education World Wide Web site (http://www.education-world.com/cool_school/csoy/1999) through March 10 and by a distinguished panel of judges who will evaluate each finalist's website. Judging will be weight as 30 percent popular vote and 70 percent expert panel vote. The winner will be announced March 15 and the Cool School of the Year will receive over $10,000 in networking equipment from Cisco Systems, trophies, shirts, and other prizes. Local residents are urged to visit the Education World site (http://www.education-world.com/cool_school/csoy/1999) and log their vote for the Rochester school.

Year of the Cat

Cougars Claim Local Zoo As New Home

Mayor Frederick M. Kalisz, Jr., is pleased to announce that two male cougars have arrived in New Bedford, after a two-day journey from South Dakota. The cougars (also known as "pumas" or "mountain lions") are the first new animals to arrive at the new Buttonwood Park Zoo. Originally built in 1894, the new zoo is currently under construction, and scheduled to re-open to the public during the summer of 2000.

The cougars are 14-month-old brothers, who have never been separated. They were found as orphaned cubs on the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation, in Montana, where a Native American tribal elder hand-raised them in his home. When the elder died, his family turned the cubs over to the Humane Society of the United States, which passed them on to South Dakota State University in Brookings. The two cougars were included in a behavioral research project designed to study the animals' sense of smell.

When the scent study was finished, South Dakota State University needed to find another home for the cougars, now large, healthy juveniles. They could not be returned to the wild, since they had never hunted for their own food, and had become too acclimated to the presence of human beings. Meanwhile, Steven Smith, general curator of the Buttonwood Park Zoo, was actively seeking

Above: *One of the two new fourteen-month-old cougars which recently arrived at the Buttonwood Park Zoo in New Bedford. The sibling felines will now call the zoo facility their permanent home. The Buttonwood Zoo is expected to open this summer for visitors. (Photo courtesy of Buttonwood Park Zoo.)*

On the cover: *A voter inserts her ballot after voting in this past Tuesday's Presidential Primary Election at the Marion Music Hall, which served as a temporary polling place for the town while Sippican School undergoes renovations. Voter turnout in all area towns was brisk due to pleasant weather and national media attention provided by various candidates. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).*

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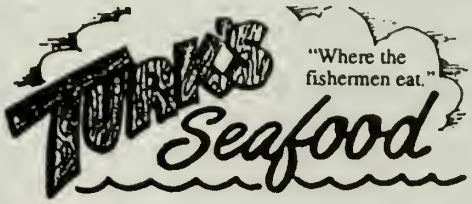

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cougars for display in the North American section of the zoo. He heard about the two cougars in South Dakota, and made the necessary arrangements to secure them. Mr. Smith and Al D'Ercole, a zoo keeper at Buttonwood Park Zoo, left for South Dakota on Tuesday, February 15, in the zoo's van. The van contained two crates, designed for transport of large, wild animals.

At South Dakota, "the cougars walked right into the crates," Mr. D'Ercole said. "We quickly loaded the animals into the van, and started the drive home." The weather was bad on the return trip, but the cougars were warm, dry, and safe in the van. Mr. Smith and Mr. D'Ercole arrived in New Bedford with the cougars on Saturday, February 19, at 1:30 in the morning. They were met at the zoo by Shara Crook, zoo keeper, who helped unload the cougars.

The cougars are now getting used to a new daily routine of feeding and cleaning. Dr. Adam Magdy, zoo veterinarian, has checked the animals and is pleased with their good health. The cougars will soon be released into the new Cougar Exhibit, a large, spacious area where they will have trees to climb, water to splash in, and rocky ledges on which to sun themselves.

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Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

March 7, 2000

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, March 7 at 7:04 pm by Chairman Paul Lambalot. Also present were Selectman Ray Andrews, Selectman Barry Denham, and Executive Secretary Carol Adams.

After unanimously approving the minutes of the February 22, February 29, and March 1 meetings, and the Executive Session minutes of February 29 and March 1, the board signed vouchers, bills, and payroll warrants for the week.

Under outgoing correspondence, the board sent a memo to schedule the appointment of Mattapoisett's representative to the Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical School District Committee on April 3. Blanche B. Perry is seeking reappointment to this board, which is selected by the Town Moderator, Mattapoisett School Committee, and Board of Selectmen jointly.

Selectman Andrews noted that he will be meeting with Tappé Associates tomorrow (Wednesday) to discuss the school renovation plans for both Center and Old Hammondtown Schools. "They expect to crunch the final numbers and come up with some estimated costs," Mr. Andrews said. "We've asked them to

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Jay lives in Marion with his wife and son as well as their dog, 3 cats, bird and a 30 year old turtle named Ralph.

His professional interests include the medical and surgical disorders of dogs and cats as well as preventative medicine. Jay also has over 25 years experience in treating ferrets, birds, reptiles and other small exotic pets. His interests outside of veterinary medicine include windsurfing, snowboarding, gardening, and the movies.

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look at Pre-K through Grade 3 for Center School and Grades 4 through 6 for Old Hammondtown School. We want to have alternate plans in place in the event voters decide to abandon the Center School site ... on March 20 we'll be voting for the next phase to design the project."

In related news, Chairman Lambalot said some residents have expressed concern over the status of the playground project at Center School. "People are wondering about the playground while renovations are being (made)," Chairman Lambalot said. "If there's going to be nothing available (for children) for the next three years, people aren't going to be happy, and rightfully so."

The board discussed perhaps repairing and/or replacing select structures so that the facility could get some use in the interim. "We planned to do some initial renovations back in January just to get the playground up and running," Selectman Denham said. "There was a concern that the area would become a parking lot in the new (school) renovation plan. Almost every structure has a major deficiency ... there's a whole laundry list of things to do."

Under the Executive Secretary's report, Ms. Adams noted that her planned update on the status of the concession stand at the Town Wharf will be postponed to next week pending further details. Also, Ms. Adams added that Doug Cameron could not attend tonight's meeting, so their scheduled discussion of the ramp usage would be postponed to next week as well.

At 7:30 pm the board met with Robert Moore of the Mattapoisett Lions Club to discuss plans for this year's annual Harbor Days Festival to be held on July 9 and July 14 through 16 at Shipyard Park. Mr. Moore wanted to address some of the "traffic flow" concerns with the board, based on the fact that last year's decision to block off the access road near the former Romeo's Package Store caused further traffic problems. This access is usually reserved for deliveries to the festival.

Other than that, Mr. Moore assured the board that things will remain status quo. "We're not looking to expand ... we're looking to maintain the quality of the event," he said.

The board suggested they might want to check with SRTA bus lines to provide trolley service to remote parking areas in town, so that festival attendees could park in the Salvation Army lot on Route 6 or the Park and Ride on North Street and be transported to the park. Mr. Moore said he would check into this option.

Other upcoming Mattapoisett Lions Club fundraisers and events include a

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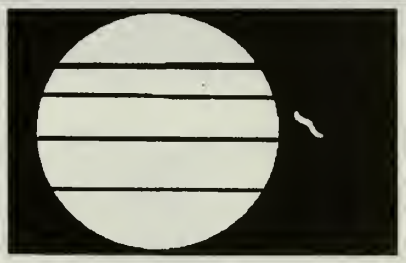

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At 8:00 pm the board met with members of the Water/Sewer Commission and Water/Sewer Superintendent William T. Nicholson to discuss plans for a combination Water/Sewer and Fire Department facility on Route 6 on town-owned land adjacent to the Police Station. The complex would include a single-story Water Department with office space and storage for their equipment and a two-story Fire Department with administrative offices and space to store apparatus on the first floor and a meeting space and future staff quarters on the second floor. Mr. Nicholson estimated the Water Department structure would encompass a total of 10,000 square feet while the Fire Department would be an estimated 13,000 square feet — 23,000 square feet all told.

The Water/Sewer Department phase of the project would be partially funded through retained earnings from the Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund, while the Fire Department would be funded separately. The idea to keep the projects a joint effort, however, would make the most financial sense.

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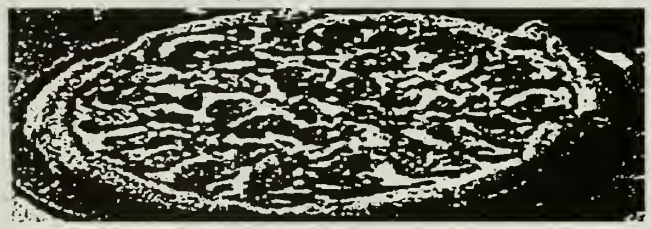

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"There's an economy in planning a joint building," Selectman Denham said. "It makes sense."

Mr. Nicholson said he hopes to place an article on the upcoming Annual Town Meeting warrant for the project.

The board received a letter of resignation from Sue Tweedy, who is stepping down as Library Director at the Mattapoisett Public Library, effective June 30, 2000. She and her husband are relocating to Florida. The board expressed regret in seeing Ms. Tweedy leave the position and Mattapoisett.

The board received a letter of resignation from Robert Moore who is stepping down from the Council on Aging due to other commitments. Those interested in serving on the Mattapoisett COA are urged to send a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen, c/o Mattapoisett Town Hall.

The board also noted that there is a vacancy on the Mattapoisett Recreation Committee since one member has opted not to seek reappointment in April. Interested residents should submit letters to the Board of Selectmen, Recreation Director John Haley, or Recreation Committee Chairman Greg Sawyer as soon as possible.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 8:45 pm.

Marion Selectmen's Meeting

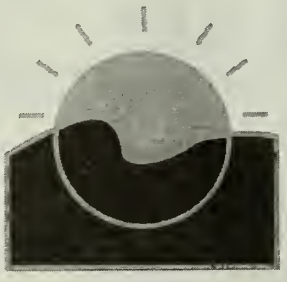
March 7, 2000

By Ilana L. Mackin

A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, March 7 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Loretta B. Schaefer. Also present were Selectman Albert E. Winters, Selectman Jonathan "Jody" Dickerson, Town Administrator Ray Pickles, and Secretary Helene Craver.

After signing and approving treasury warrants #36, #36A and #37 for the week and approving the minutes of the February 29 meeting without any changes, the board agreed to grant two special license requests for the use of the Marion Music Hall.

Chairman Schaefer began the meeting by announcing that the 1999 Annual



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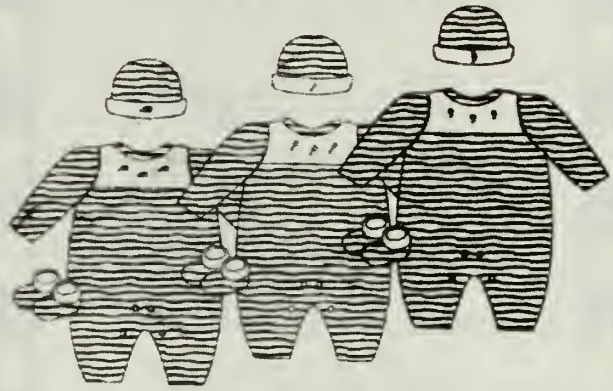

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Chairman Schaefer also announced the appointment of Andrea B. Keene to the position of Registrar of Voters with a term to expire in March of 2003.

With no appointments to come before the board this evening, they reviewed the following incoming correspondence:

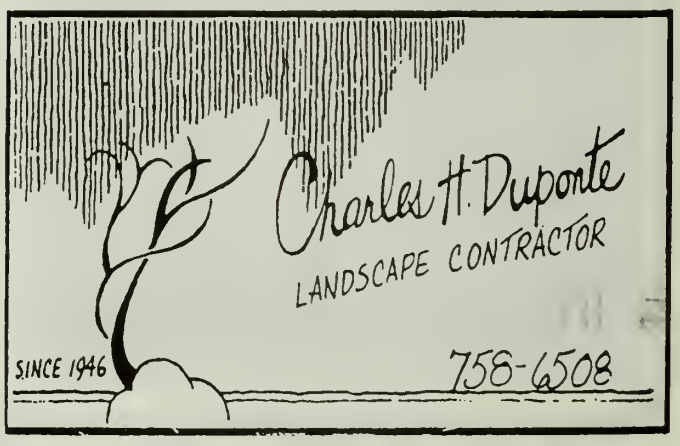
• Letter from Craig Parker of the Marion Police Brotherhood notifying the board that they held a contract ratification meeting at the Marion Police Station and for the period of July 1999 through June 2002, the police contract was unanimously ratified with all members present and will stand as a three-year contract.

• Letter from Police Chief Lincoln W. Miller requesting the board to authorize the previously discussed pay rate increase for special police officers to $11 per hour to become effective retroactively from July 1, 1999. At this time, Chairman Schaefer entertained the motion to accept the recommendation of the chief.

Mr. Pickles asked the board to consider meeting with Chief Miller next Tuesday at 6:30 pm prior to their regularly-scheduled meeting to discuss some other changes and recommendations that Chief Miller would like to present. The board voted to set a meeting at that time on March 14.

• Letter from the Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School Superintendent-Director David Sampson and Treasurer/School Committee member Kim Carman, who informed the board that the School Committee has established an Operating Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001. "According to the Education Reform Act and the Agreement formula, the assessment for the Town of Marion is as follows: Operating $96,498 and Capital at $12,129 totalling $108,627," reported Mr. Sampson and Ms. Carman. According to Mr. Pickles, this figure is approximately $2,000 over last year.

• Marion Social Club submitted a written request to hold its annual flea market at Island Wharf this year, due to the inability to hold it in the traditional place of the Town House field, due to ongoing school construction. The event is scheduled for July 29. At this time, the board agreed to take this request under advisement and defer their ruling until further discussions of alternate options can be discussed with the Social Club. The board at this time does not feel that



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the wharf would be an appropriate spot for the event during that time of year with consideration of the overabundance of boaters, traffic and parking problems. The request will be put on next week's agenda for further discussion and a final decision.

• Request from the Marion Historic Commission to consider the appointment of Judith W. Rosbe, Chairman Pro-Tem; William Brennan; Tobey Burr; Peter Dean; Mary Schmidek; Peter Stone; and Warren Washburn to the commission with four alternates being Robert Bennett; Tess Cederholm; Bill Koss; and Frank McNamee. "This is a good approach because the alternates have the ability to vote should there not be a complete quorum," Chairman Schaefer said. The board voted to approve this request.

• The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) notified the board that beginning April 1, the DEP will prohibit the disposal of cathode ray tubes (CRTs) from television and computer monitors at all Massachusetts disposal facilities. This ban follows in the footsteps of other bulky items such as white goods, tires and auto batteries. The DEP has offered information and an Information Session on Municipal CRT Collection Programs that are available for towns to

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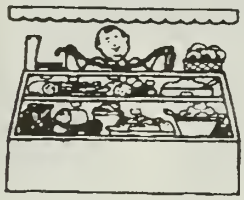

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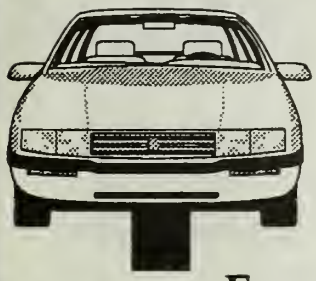

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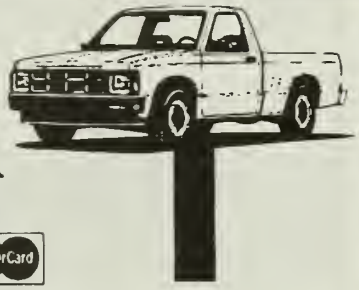

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Chairman Schaefer declined to make a motion on this issue until further information can be obtained for the board to review in regards to the disposal costs of the alternate programs offered by the DEP. The board agreed to defer their vote on this subject to a later meeting.

• On Friday June 9, the Buzzards Bay Keeper Launch with Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. will be held in New Bedford. For ticket information please call 999-6363.

The Executive Office of Elder Affairs submitted a letter to the board asking them to think about organizing or reorganizing a Keep Moving Walking Club in the community. A club leader training seminar will be held on Wednesday, March 15 from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm at the Jean Mayer USDA Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging at Tufts University located at 711 Washington Street in Boston.

In other business, Mr. Pickles asked the board to set up a meeting for the Waste Management Committee on March 30 at 7:00 pm. Mr. Pickles reported that all budgets are in now with the exception of the Old Rochester Regional School District. Mr. Pickles also announced that on Monday, March 13 at 10:30 am the Sippican School will be "topping the steel." In celebration, after the steel is topped, the Sippican School band will play.

In one last item of business, resident Tyler Blethen commented to the board on the appropriateness of the Music Hall location this year for voting. He stated that it was both convenient and offered ample parking. Chairman Schaefer mentioned that she had heard similar comments throughout the day from other town residents pleased with the location and operation.

With no further business to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 7:30 pm.

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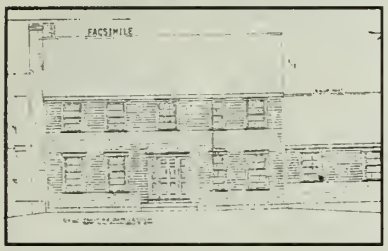

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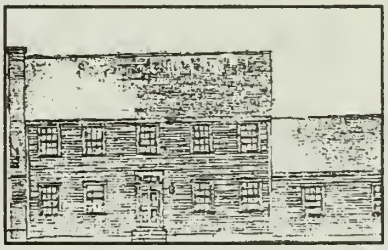

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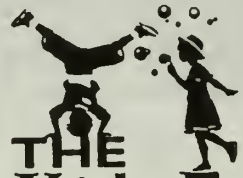

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Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

March 6, 2000

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, March 6 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Richard Cutler. Also present were Selectman Naida Parker, Selectman Patricia Ryan, and Town Administrator James Huntoon.

The board first met with Jill Bodeau of the Rochester Council on Aging (COA) to discuss plans to acquire a second senior van for the town. Originally, the COA was hoping to purchase a new van outright, but Ms. Bodeau suggested it would be cheaper and more cost-effective to lease a van from Coastline Elderly Services in New Bedford, which would cover the additional insurance expense. She suggested they apply for a matching grant for the additional vehicle, which would end up costing the town about $8,000.

"I think it's better than spending another $30,000 for a new van," Ms. Bodeau said. "And we can use the second vehicle ... we'll probably get a smaller one for doctor's appointments."

The board agreed and suggested that Ms. Bodeau approach the Finance Committee (FinCom) with her proposal so that the town's $8,000 portion of the grant could be included in next year's fiscal budget.

Under the Town Administrator's report, Mr. Huntoon advised that the board needed to vote to place

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an article on the April 12 Special Town Meeting warrant to fund the expansion and renovation project at ORR Junior and Senior High Schools. Although the regional school committee isn't prepared to set a final figure on the project, the board can vote the measure and then just insert the exact amount of Rochester's anticipated share, which is expected within the week. The board unanimously voted to place the draft article on the warrant.

"It really behooves all three communities to vote for (this project) now," Selectman Ryan added. "Because we're at 68 percent (state) reimbursement now ... but we'll be lucking to get 50 percent next year."

Mr. Huntoon said the next Tri-Town Selectmen's

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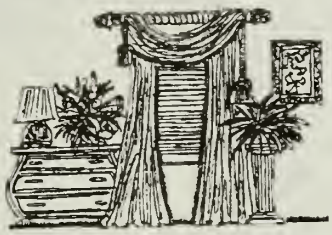
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Meeting with officials from Rochester, Mattapoisett, and Marion has been set for Thursday, March 23 at 7:00 pm in the Rochester Town Hall.

Lastly, Mr. Huntoon advised that David Silvia of the Rochester Youth Baseball Association informed him that the annual kickoff parade for Rochester Youth Baseball will be held on Saturday, April 15 beginning at 9:00 am. They have asked the Board of Selectmen to participate and for assistance from the police department in traffic control.

In other matters, the board agreed to schedule a meeting on Tuesday, March 21 at 7:00 pm to begin discussing budgets for the next fiscal year. All departments which fall under the purview of the Selectmen are asked to attend.

At 7:30 pm the board opened a Public Hearing upon a request from Tremont Enterprises to obtain a Fuel Storage Permit for property located at 25 Cranberry Highway. The company, which has operations currently based in Carver and Wareham, plans to move closer to home in Rochester and is hoping to develop this parcel as a new base of operations. The proposal is to install several storage tanks for propane, diesel and gasoline fuel — all of which are required to conform with state standards.

The company mainly deals with supplying fuel for industrial and agricultural purposes, and the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has already approved their permit application. A representative for the company explained they will have two access roads to the property for emergency purposes — one along Route 28 and the other off King's Highway, but they plan to mainly use Route 28 for truck traffic and hauling.

Though a resident raised concerns over increased truck traffic near her home and the potential for contaminating the ground water, the company spokesman assured her that the storage tanks meet strict state-

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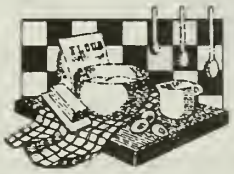

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mandated guidelines and the nominal increase in traffic will mainly be along major roads.

"I feel far less concerned about this (project) as a new facility," Chairman Cutler said. "The standards they have to meet are quite high." With that, the board unanimously voted to grant the Fuel Storage Permit contingent upon the approval of the Planning Board and Conservation Commission.

At 8:00 pm the board opened a Public Hearing to reconsider their previous vote taken on January 10 to remove Georgia Chamberlain from the Conservation Commission (ConCom) for not providing negatives and photos as requested of pictures taken while on a ConCom site visit late last year. Last week, Ms. Chamberlain's attorney, Thomas Urbelis, said he was advised by Town Counsel that the board was willing to reconsider their previous vote. As such, they voted to hold this public hearing.

Chairman Cutler began the proceedings by reviewing the events which led up to their vote to remove Ms. Chamberlain. He explained that Ms. Chamberlain was first appointed to the ConCom in 1964 and served through 1993 — at which time she was not reappointed by the sitting Board of Selectmen. In 1998, she was returned to the ConCom and served until January of 2000, with her current term set to expire in April.

When a complaint was filed alleging that Ms. Chamberlain had taken photographs of Mr. Howland at

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his place of residence, the board agreed to investigate the matter. At that time, both the board members and Ms. Chamberlain agreed that producing the prints and negatives from two rolls of film taken on that particular site visit would prove her innocence, and she agreed to provide them to the board. Until this matter was resolved, however, the board voted on December 27 that Ms. Chamberlain could not vote on any pending ConCom issues.

When Ms. Chamberlain did not produce the requested negatives and pictures on the following week (January 3), the board granted her a one-week extension to do so. On January 10, Mr. Huntoon was provided with select "enlarged negatives" from Ms. Chamberlain's roll of film, which is not what they had requested. Ms. Chamberlain was unable to attend that meeting due to a meeting of the Mary's Pond Beach Committee at the Rochester Fire Station. The board voted to remove Ms. Chamberlain from the ConCom that night since she did not comply with their request.

"The (board) wanted to see the original negatives,

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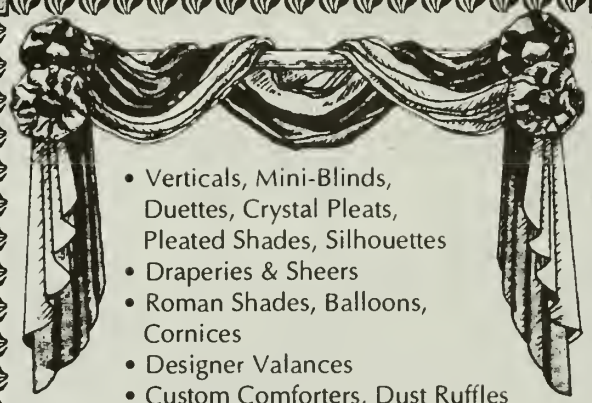
so that no alterations were made to the sequence," Chairman Cutler said. "She did submit prints — enlarged negatives, and not even 24 prints from (the entire) roll of film."

Chairman Cutler said they would restrict this evening's discussion to Ms. Chamberlain's specific cause for dismissal and would not entertain comments from the floor.

Ms. Chamberlain made a statement explaining the reasons why photographs are taken to document site visits by the ConCom and added that she did provide what the board had asked of her. "I did submit the pictures ... apparently the Board of Selectmen didn't want to see them," she said. "The other roll was personal pictures of my kitty cat. I find it a tremendous insult (to be removed) after all these years on the ConCom."

Her attorney, Thomas Urbelis, stressed that the board needed to reconsider both their reasons in removing Ms. Chamberlain from the ConCom after such long, dedicated service to the town and being able to provide her with "due process" as defined by law. "For cause is defined as substantial misconduct," Mr. Urbelis said. "Ms. Chamberlain was removed for not producing negatives. Ladies and gentlemen, there is no 'for cause' here. She did in good faith what she thought you asked her to do. That's not the definition of 'just cause for removal.'"

After Mr. Urbelis pointed up the lack of



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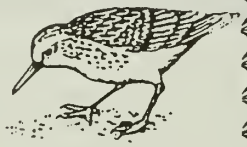

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specificity in the minutes of the Selectmen's meetings relative to this matter, Selectman Ryan made it clear that they verbally told Ms. Chamberlain what they wanted. "I remember not once, but twice asking (Ms. Chamberlain) to produce the negatives," she said. "Not only did we ask the first time, but we made it perfectly clear at the second meeting. I even requested an extension of one week to allow her to provide the strip of negatives."

With regards to Ms. Chamberlain's claim that she had to attend a meeting of the Mary's Pond Beach Committee on the night they voted to remove her from the ConCom, Chairman Cutler noted that she wasn't the only member of the Mary's Pond Beach Committee. "You

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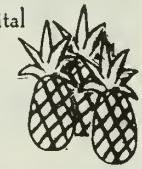

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were the only member of the ConCom under allegations of misconduct," he said. "Apparently you didn't feel this was as important."

Having heard no evidence to warrant a change of heart, the board then voted to ratify their previous vote taken on January 10 to remove Georgia Chamberlain from the ConCom for not originally providing the negatives and/or prints as requested. The board agreed to let their previous decision stand via majority, 2 to 1, with Chairman Cutler in sole opposition.

"Obviously, I thought we had made things perfectly clear," Chairman Cutler said of his dissenting vote. "Maybe we could have done things differently."

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 8:40 pm.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

As a Mattapoisett resident, one might wonder whose interests the Board of Selectmen are really looking out for.

The Mattapoisett Fire Department should be commended for a job well done in the preparation and submittal of a proposal for town's needs for paramedic and ambulance services, or "Advanced Life Support." This proposal was comprehensive, objective, and certainly intended to serve the best interests of our community.

Having read the story in (last Friday's) *Standard-Times*, it appears the Selectmen's office, more specifically (Selectman Raymond) Andrews, has an entirely different agenda.

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Instead of embracing a proposal that would provide the highest level of paramedic and ambulance service this town has ever seen, not to mention, at a much lower cost to the town than ever before, the board has not discussed or reviewed it, according to Mr. Andrews. In fact, the board has even gone so far as issuing a "gag" order to the fire department, preventing any further discussion or distributing this proposal. Why?

Having reviewed the proposal myself, the question "why?" becomes quite obvious. It points out many components and issues that have been overlooked or ignored in the "hundreds of hours" of negotiating Mr. Andrews speaks of. These components are crucial to providing a high level of service with a more attractive price tag.

The proposal also points out the problems associated with a police-based ambulance, which have been recognized in all but a few communities in the entire state of Massachusetts. It is fair to say that the ambulance has been wrongfully used to help sustain a police department budget, now more than a million dollars, which is excessive by any standards in a town this size. One might wonder if the Board of Selectmen managed the police department, or the other way around.

It is not too late to adopt a long-term plan that best serves the interests of the residents of Mattapoisett, over that of outside agencies and the police department's little empire. Please remember who you work for.

As for the townspeople of Mattapoisett, I would encourage you to read the proposal for yourself.

Sincerely,
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Mattapoisett Bike Path Meeting

A meeting of the Friends for the Mattapoisett Bicycle and Recreational Path will be held on Thursday, March 9 at 7:00 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall (upstairs). All are welcome and may bring more Friends for the Path.

Rochester Land Trust

The Rochester Land Trust has scheduled its annual meeting on *Wednesday, March 22 at 7:00 pm*, not Monday, March 27 at 7:00 pm as previously reported. The meeting will be held in the Rochester Congregational Church Vestry. All RLT members and interested parties are invited to attend. Guest speakers will be longtime Rochester residents including Eunice Jenkins and Katherine Church, who will speak on the history and their great love for Rochester and its land. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact Rochester Land Trust President Lynnea Walker at 763-3385.

Coffee With Local Legislators

The League of Women Voters (Marion/Mattapoisett/Rochester) invites everyone to Coffee With Our Local Beacon Hill Legislators — Representative William Straus and Senator Marc Pacheco — on Thursday, March 9 at 8:30 am at Andrew's Restaurant, 7 Cottage Street in Marion. This is an ideal opportunity to talk one-on-one with Representative Straus and Senator Pacheco and to hear directly what's happening on Beacon Hill.

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School Regionalization Discussion

The public is invited to an overview of the question "Should Marion/Mattapoisett/Rochester (MMR) Change Its Form of School Regionalization? - The Beginnings of a League Study," which will be presented

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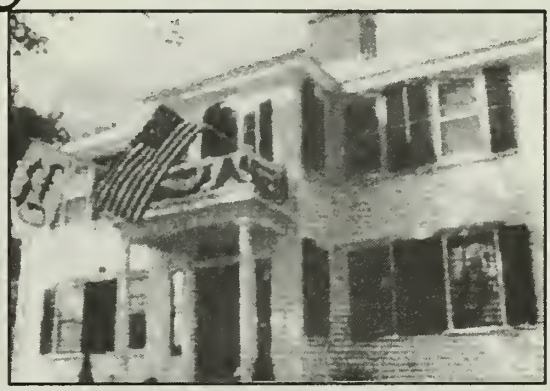

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Karen Kevelson will chair the meeting and explain the organizational make-up of the Old Rochester Regional School District. Three towns, four school committees, a Superintendency Union, four budgets, six schools, various collaboratives — all these specifics will be explained at the meeting, and an overview of the financial considerations of the three towns will be presented by Joan Andersen. The regionalization study will be a two-year process; and at the end of the study a consensus (of the League) may or may not be reached.

One thing is certain: the district is experiencing growth in the student population and a progress report on the building addition/renovation at Sippican School will be included, as well as an update on the proposed $48 million project at ORR Junior and Senior High Schools. This is a perfect opportunity to discuss the direction of the study and to welcome new committee members on the study.

ORR Students of the Month

Susan Hayward, Principal of Old Rochester Regional Junior High School, has announced the following Students of the Month for February 2000:

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Mattapoisett School Presentation

Tappé Associates, the architectural firm hired by the Center and Old Hammondtown School Renovation Committee, will be giving a presentation to the Mattapoisett School Committee on Monday, March 13 at 7:00 pm at Old Hammondtown School. This presentation will take place before their regularly scheduled school committee meeting at 7:30 pm.

Charlie Hay, from Tappé Associates, will be discussing the process that has led to a possible renovation and expansion plan for both schools. The Mattapoisett School Committee would like to invite the public to attend this presentation to be better-informed about the proposal before the Special Town Meeting to be held on March 20. The ballot vote is scheduled for March 21.

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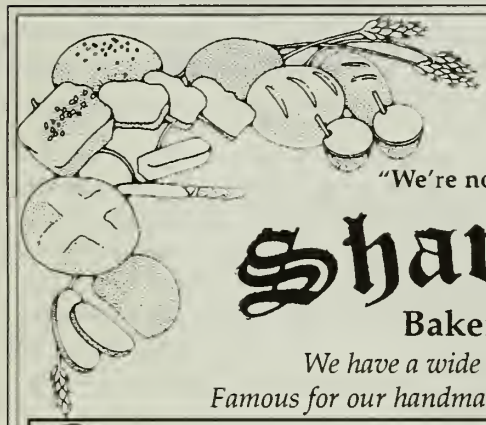

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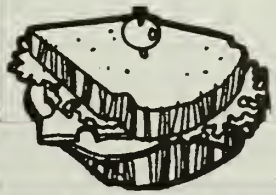

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Sippican School Construction

The building is really starting to take shape as the steel erection moves from the back of the new construction toward the front. This past week, the columns for the auditorium and the two-story part of the building were visible. These columns are bolted to the concrete footings and piers that were poured during the fall. In the middle area the rooms you can now see are the music rooms, the band room, and the community room. These rooms have the roof decking in place and are awaiting the membrane roofing. The area with the trailer columns begins the auditorium and the two-story sections of the new construction.

Slabs continue to be poured and this work is ninety percent complete. The middle section of the new construction has had 12,000 square feet of concrete slab poured to date. Slabs have not been completed in some areas as access was needed to the plumbing and electrical lines that will be below the slabs. Three quarters of the cafeteria is enclosed with cement block. The metal stud walls will be going into this area soon. Installation of the roof curbs that will be located around the roof decking should start this week.

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Technology Dinner in Mattapoisett

The Mattapoisett PTA will host an evening of fine music and dinner on Tuesday, April 4, 2000 at 6:30 pm at Old Rochester Regional High School. The Notes for Technology Dinner Concert will feature Center School's Third Grade Intergenerational Chorus and Old Hammondtown School's concert and jazz bands. Dinner for this exciting event, provided by Cerulli's Gourmet Foods, includes homemade lasagna (with and without meat), garden salad, rolls, coffee, punch, and dessert. Macaroni and cheese with hot dogs and chips for children will also be available.

Tickets are available at Cerulli's in Mattapoisett until Sunday, March 26. Prices are $15 for adults (13 and older) and children who want lasagna, $7.50 for children ages 6 to 12, and FREE for children ages 5 and under. For those who attend the concert only, tickets are $7.50 for adults (ages 13 and older) and FREE for children ages 12 and under. Seating is limited, so get your tickets now!

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Chicken Pie in Marion

The Marion United Methodist Church will sponsor a Chicken Pie Supper on Saturday, March 18 at 5:30 pm. The menu will include chicken pie, mashed potatoes, peas, carrots, cranberry sauce, rolls, beverage, and dessert. Tickets are $7 for adults and $4 for children. Please call Jane Ladner for reservations at 748-0476.

Boat Building Seminar

A seminar will be held on Sunday, March 19 from 2:00 to 3:30 pm at the Rochester Fire Station for anyone interested in the building of a Mattapoisett River racing boat for use in the Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race. Boats will be on display, plans will be available, and boat builders will be on hand to answer questions.

Buy, sell, or swap: If you have a river racing boat to sell, bring it with you. If you are looking for a river racing boat, come and see what's available. For further information, please call Arthur Benner at 763-2024.

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communities with a family fun day held at ORR in August of 1999. They have been involved in promoting school renovation projects at the high school and junior high school. They have gradually increased membership and hope to recognize past accomplishments of alumni in areas of arts, athletics, public service, the sciences, and more in an Old Rochester Regional High School Hall of Fame in the near future.

The ORR Alumni Association is extremely proud to offer four awards of $500 each during the spring of 2000. The awards are available to past graduates or students who will graduate from ORR in June of 2000. Consideration will be given to students continuing their education in colleges, universities, or technical schools to train them for the future. Once chosen, the student will be required to display successful completion of one semester's grades to the association. At that time, the award will be presented. The association is particularly interested in what you think Old Rochester Regional High School has done for you ... why are you a better person as a result of your experiences there?

Applications can be picked up at the guidance department at ORR. Applications must be returned to the guidance department by April 15, 2000. Congratulations on your upcoming graduations, your achievements to date, and good luck with your continued growth and endeavors!

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The Tri-Town Early Childhood Council is scheduled to meet at 6:00 pm on Thursday, March 16 in the library mezzanine at the Rochester Memorial School. The council will hear subcommittee reports on parent education, professional development, public awareness, and community playgroups. Plans for the community celebration of the Week of the Young Child, including the Annual Early Childhood Fair, will be discussed. Child care and snacks will be available free-of-charge. Any parent or community member interested in issues which affect young children and their families are encouraged to attend. For more information, please call the Early Childhood Office at 748-1863.

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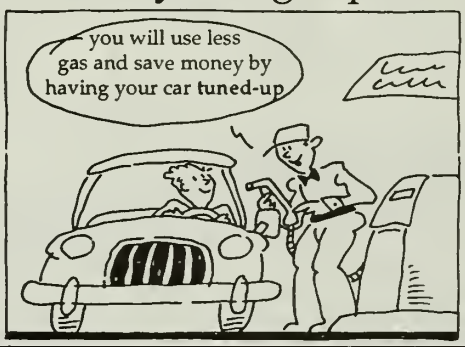

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Marion Natural History Museum

Following are upcoming After School Programs sponsored by and held at the Marion Natural History Museum, upstairs from the Elizabeth Taber Library on Spring Street. The cost for these programs are $4 for members, and $5 for general public.

• Thursday, March 16, 3:30 to 4:30 pm - Waking Up to Spring: What are the plants and animals doing to get ready for spring? Come learn about the changes our environment undergoes in anticipation of spring with Steve Gonsalves of Eden Landscaping.

• Thursday, March 30, 3:30 to 4:30 pm - Vernal Pools: Is that loud quacking from that former mud puddle coming from a duck or from something else? Where do those spotted salamanders come from? Come investigate these interesting and all-too-temporary pools.

• Thursday, May 18, 3:30 to 4:30 pm - Skin & Scales: Truly large snakes, toads and lizards will be on display! Come to this perennial favorite and have the opportunity to hold a 40-foot Burmese Python!

• Friday, June 2, 3:30 to 4:30 pm - Check Out Your Health with Katherine Russell: Learn how to take your blood pressure, what the numbers mean, and ways to prevent and treat high blood pressure.

• Friday, June 9, 3:30 to 4:30 pm - Salt Marsh Walk with Fred Hutchings: Check out the plants and animals of the salt water marsh.

Story Hour in Mattapoisett

Registration for the Spring Preschool Story Hour at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library will begin on Tuesday, March 14. The program is for children ages 3 to 5 and consists of stories, fingerplays, music, and simple crafts. (Children must be three years old by the first program in the session.)

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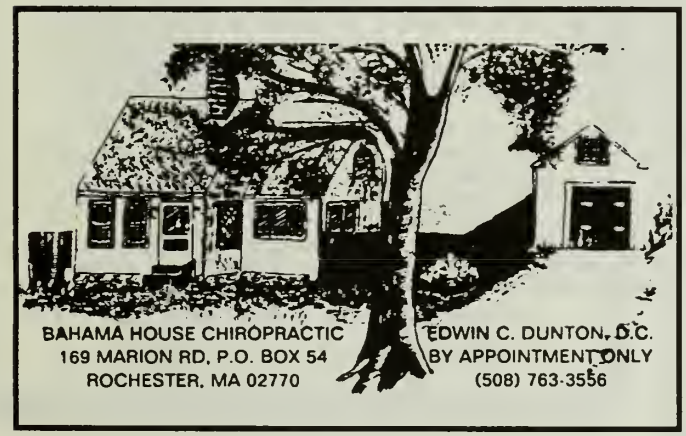
Sippican Seniors

The next regular meeting of the Sippican Seniors will be on Friday, March 10 at 1:30 pm in the VFW Hall in Marion. Entertainment will be Skip Daniels, who does magic and comedy. Refreshments will be served.

Rochester Council on Aging

Events Calendar

• Thursday, March 9 - Crafts at the Senior Center, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon;
• Sunday, March 12 - Lions Club Breakfast at the Grange Hall, 8:00 am to 11:00 am, $5 per person for all-you-can-eat buffet;
• Monday, March 13 - Flower Show, $13 per person, van leaves Town Hall at 9:00 am (please call the COA office for tickets);
• Tuesday, March 14 - Senior Club Meeting at 1:00 pm at the Rochester Woman's Club, includes Bingo and Nomination of Officers;
• Wednesday, March 15 - Council on Aging Meeting, 9:00 am in Town Hall;
• Thursday, March 16 - St. Patrick's Day Lunch at the Vestry, Reservations are a must, please call the COA office (763-8723) by March 14;
• Friday, March 17 - Happy St. Patrick's Day;
• Saturday, March 18 - SERVE (SHARE) Pick-up, 10:00 am to 12:00 noon at Town Hall;
• Monday, March 20 - Mystery Ride (this one is a real



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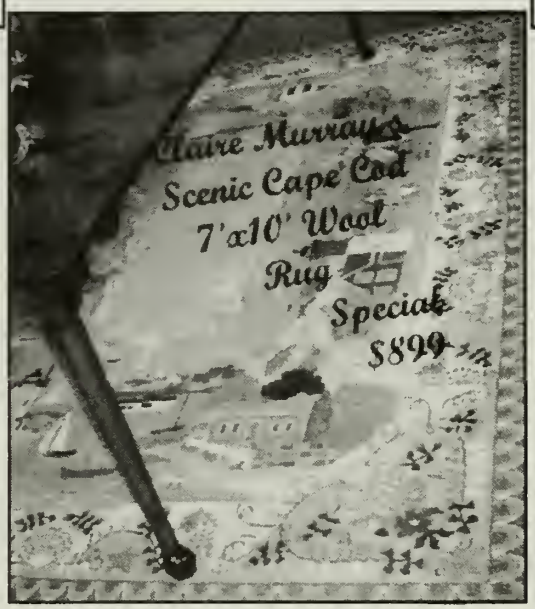

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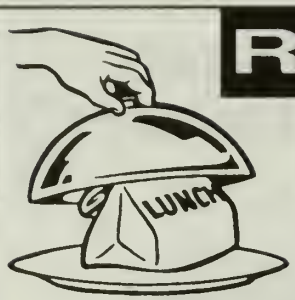

■ **ACUSHNET ELEMENTARY and FORD MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Monday, March 13 – Hamburger on a bun, turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes, corn, fresh fruit, milk.

Tuesday, March 14 – Macaroni and cheese, diced ham, peas, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday, March 15 – Baked chicken, turkey sandwich, cooked rice, corn, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday, March 16 – Hot dog on a roll, ham sandwich, potato puffs, green beans, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday, March 17 – French bread pizza, tossed salad, salad dressing, tuna salad sandwich, fresh fruit, milk.

■ **COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION**

Monday, March 13 – Cream of broccoli soup, teriyaki chicken leg, Asian rice, oatmeal bread, fresh fruit.

Tuesday, March 14 – Rotini with meat sauce, Italian blend vegetables, Vienna bread, tapioca pudding.

Wednesday, March 15 – Turkey stew, boiled potato, pumpernickel roll, fruit in light syrup.

Thursday, March 16 – Corned beef hash, cabbage, carrots, raisin bread, leprechaun cake.

Friday, March 17 – Tuna noodle casserole, peas, light rye bread, fruit in light syrup.

■ **CENTER SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT**

Monday, March 13 – Hamburger/cheeseburger, oven fries, veggie sticks, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, March 14 – Pepperoni pizza calzone, or turkey sub, lettuce, tomato, cheese, tossed salad, fruit, soup, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, March 15 – Baked ziti, garlic bread, Steak'Um, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, March 16 – Taco chalupa, chicken patty, lettuce, tomato, nachos, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, March 17 – Cheese or pepperoni pizza, tuna roll, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

■ **FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY and ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL**

Monday, March 13 – Chicken fritter bites, sauces, Steak'Um and cheese sub, baked pork chop with gravy, rice pilaf, corn niblets, chilled pineapple, vanilla whip with topping. (ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL: No school - professional day.)

Tuesday, March 14 – Hot dog on a roll, meatball sub with grated mozzarella, shaved turkey club, potato puffs, baked beans, chilled applesauce, oatmeal/walnut cookie.

Wednesday, March 15 – Spaghetti twists with grated mozzarella, hamburger/cheeseburger, mac rib sub, tossed salad, green beans, chilled peaches, apple crisp with topping.

Thursday, March 16 – Roast turkey with gravy, grilled cheese sandwich, bologna and lettuce sub, whipped potaotes, peas, cranberry sauce, chilled pears, sweet potato pie with topping.

Friday, March 17 – Cheese pizza, scrambled eggs with cinnamon bun, potato crunch fish nuggets, double potato puffs, chilled peaches, lime jello with topping.

■ **FAIRHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL**

Monday, March 13 – Meatball grinder with grated mozzarella, Italian sausage grinder with sauce, grated mozzarella, chicken salad pocket, potato puffs, baked beans, chilled pears, lemon jello with topping.

Tuesday, March 14 – Spaghetti with meat sauce over pasta, grated mozzarella, garlic bread, hot pastrami grinder, grilled chicken club, tossed salad, green beans, mixed fruit, oatmeal/walnut cookie.

Wednesday, March 15 – Roast turkey with gravy, glazed baked ham, "hero" grinder, whipped potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, chilled peaches, apple crisp with topping.

Thursday, March 16 – Chicken nuggets with sauces, baked pork chop with gravy, hot ham and cheese, rice pilaf, corn niblets, chilled pears, sweet potato pie with topping.

Friday, March 17 – ST. PATRICK'S DAY: Corned beef cabbage, double grilled cheese, seafood salad pocket, boiled potatoes, carrots, chilled pineapple, lime jello with topping.

■ **HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL – FAIRHAVEN**

Monday, March 13 – Chicken fritter bites, sauces, Steak'Um and cheese sub, baked pork chop with gravy, rice pilaf, corn niblets, chilled pineapple, vanilla whip with topping.

Tuesday, March 14 – Hot dog on a roll, meatball sub with grated mozzarella, shaved turkey club, potato puffs, baked beans, chilled applesauce, oatmeal/walnut cookie.

Wednesday, March 15 – Spaghetti twists with grated mozzarella, hamburger/cheeseburger, mac rib sub, tossed salad, green beans, chilled peaches, apple crisp with topping.

Thursday, March 16 – Roast turkey with gravy, hot ham and cheese, Italian grinder, whipped potaotes, peas, cranberry sauce, chilled pears, sweet potato pie with topping.

Friday, March 17 – ST. PATRICK'S DAY: Corned beef and cabbage, one-and-a-half grilled cheese sandwich, hamburger/cheeseburger, boiled potatoes, carrots, chilled peaches, lime jello with topping.

■ **MEMORIAL SCHOOL ROCHESTER**

Monday, March 13 – Hamburger/cheeseburger, oven fries, veggie sticks, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, March 14 – Pepperoni pizza calzone, or turkey sub, lettuce, tomato, cheese, tossed salad, fruit, soup, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, March 15 – Baked ziti, garlic bread, Steak'Um, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, March 16 – Taco chalupa, chicken patty, lettuce, tomato, nachos, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, March 17 – Cheese or pepperoni pizza, tuna roll, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

■ **OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE-TECH HIGH SCHOOL**

Monday, March 13 – Rib-b-que sandwich, spicy fries, broccoli, chilled peaches.

Tuesday, March 14 – Steak'Um and cheese sandwich, potato chips, peas, carrots, cookie.

Wednesday, March 15 – Bacon burger, potato puffs, carrot and celery sticks, fruit, chocolate cake.

Thursday, March 16 – Fruit juice, bologna, Sloppy Joe, rice, green beans, peanut butter macaroon.

Friday, March 17 – Soup, pizza, egg salad, pretzels, corn, dessert.

■ **OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL – MATTAPOISETT**

Monday, March 13 – Hamburger/cheeseburger, oven fries, veggie sticks, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, March 14 – Pepperoni pizza calzone, or turkey sub, lettuce, tomato, cheese, tossed salad, fruit, soup, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, March 15 – Baked ziti, garlic bread, Steak'Um, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, March 16 – Taco chalupa, chicken patty, lettuce, tomato, nachos, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, March 17 – Cheese or pepperoni pizza, tuna roll, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

■ **ORR JUNIOR and SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS**

Monday, March 13 – Soup, beans and hot dogs, steak with cheese sub, BBQ ribs, cole slaw, dessert, juice or milk.

Tuesday, March 14 – Soup, chicken tenders with mashed potato, tacoquito or bacon cheese sandwich, corn, roll, applesauce, dessert, juice or milk.

Wednesday, March 15 – Soup, beef lasagna, chicken fillet, Italian sub, salad, garlic bread, dessert, juice or milk.

Thursday, March 16 – Soup, teriyaki roll-up, meatball sub, ham and cheese croissant, lettuce, tomato, nacho cheese sauce, fruit, juice or milk.

Friday, March 17 – Clam chowder, fish dandy, grilled cheese, chicken fritters, puffs, cole slaw, dessert, juice or milk.

■ **SIPPICAN SCHOOL MARION**

Monday, March 13 – Hamburger/cheeseburger, oven fries, veggie sticks, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, March 14 – Pepperoni pizza calzone, or turkey sub, lettuce, tomato, cheese, tossed salad, fruit, soup, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, March 15 – Baked ziti, garlic bread, Steak'Um, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, March 16 – Taco chalupa, chicken patty, lettuce, tomato, nachos, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, March 17 – Cheese or pepperoni pizza, tuna roll, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

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• Tuesday, March 28 - AARP Meeting at the Town Hall at 1:00 pm, Speaker will be Shirley Bourque.

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Lunch is held at the Vestry on Tuesday and Thursday at 11:45 am at a cost of $1.25.

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AARP

AARP meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm at the Rochester Town Hall and all are welcome.

Trips

The Rochester COA trips are held on Monday and the van leaves Town Hall at 9:00 am. The COA tries to do special events for seniors, and take them to places that are of interest to all.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Close Encounters

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■ ***What Planet Are You From?* Starring Garry Shandling and Annette Bening. Directed by Mike Nichols. Running time: 105 minutes. MPAA rating: R. At General Cinema 12 in Dartmouth and Flagship Cinemas in New Bedford.**

Is there an unlikelier movie star than Garry Shandling? His wincing, sour-faced style worked in small doses on TV — especially on *The Larry Sanders Show*, where he was *meant* to be dislikable and self-absorbed. In *What Planet Are You From?*, playing an alien from an all-male race sent to Earth to impregnate a woman (are you laughing yet?), Shandling sends out creepy vibes even when he's supposed to be developing human feelings. He's credible in his early scenes, when he's hitting on every woman he sees, but this isn't the kind of rambunctious sex comedy that finds humor in horny desperation. No, the alien must be *redeemed by love*.

Assuming the identity of Harold Anderson, a hotshot banker, the alien settles down in Arizona and begins his quest. A slimy coworker (Greg Kinnear) brings Harold to an AA meeting — a good place to meet fragile babes, says Kinnear — and Harold meets Susan (Annette Bening), who's trying to get her life back together. He wants a baby pronto; conveniently, so does she. After two days, they get married and have nonstop, 21-hour honeymoon sex, heightened by Harold's technologically advanced penis. Did I mention his penis hums when he's aroused? It's supposedly incredibly funny. The filmmakers apparently thought so, since the gag is repeated again and again, and yet, mysteriously, does not become one bit more funny. (The women Harold sleeps with are too dense to ask "Uh, why the humming penis?")

Noticing the participation of Shandling, whose *Larry Sanders* was spiked with sharp insider wit, and director Mike Nichols, who had an intelligent triumph just two years ago with *Primary Colors*, you might expect *What Planet Are You From?* to be a frisky sexual satire freshened with blasts of candor. But the film's targets are completely banal. Women are demanding and over-emotional; men will never figure them out. Men are closed-off and obsessed

with the TV remote when they're not horny; women will never figure them out. The movie offers not one shred of insight, comic or otherwise, into the eternal conflict between the sexes. It took Shandling and three other guys to write a script this loaded with sitcom clichés.

To pad things out, the writers introduce an airline investigator (John Goodman) who's hot on Harold's trail — for reasons unexplained, Harold uses airplane lavatories as meeting points when conferring with his alien boss (Ben Kingsley, looking vaguely disgusted). Goodman's impatient body language while waiting for an elderly lady to give him some urgently needed info provided my sole, lonely laugh in the entire 105 minutes. But essentially he's thrown away here, and the many interesting women onscreen (Bening, Nora Dunn, Camryn Manheim, Caroline Aaron, Janeane Garofalo, Stacey Travis, and particularly poor Linda Fiorentino, failing to hide her contempt for the script) are likewise wasted.

About halfway through, I asked myself why *What Planet Are You From?* is set in Arizona, of all places. Partly, I suppose, it's because of its proximity to Roswell, the alien capital of the world. But an ugly suspicion presents itself: can it be that Shandling, Nichols, and their urbane cowriters feel that everyone in Arizona (which, after all, is not New York) is just too stupid to notice Harold's alien-ness? What planet are *these* guys from? Mike Nichols seems too smart to resort to humming-penis gags and tired visual innuendo involving gushing fountains during the honeymoon marathon. Maybe aliens stole his brain? Unless they've stolen yours, you're likely to feel as insulted and demoralized by the movie as I did.

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Boys Don't Cry (R) – Fri: 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15; Sat/Sun: 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15; Mon-Thu: 7:00, 9:15
Hanging Up (PG-13) – Fri: 2:15, 4:15, 7:00, 9:15; Sat/Sun: 12:15, 2:15, 4:15, 7:00, 9:15; Mon-Thu: 7:00, 9:15
My Dog Skip (PG) – Fri: 2:00, 4:00, 6:45; Sat/Sun: 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:45; Mon-Thu: 6:30
The Hurricane (R) – Fri-Sun: 9:00; Mon-Thu: 8:30
The Cider House Rules (PG-13) – Fri: 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40; Sat/Sun: 12:00, 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40; Mon-Thu: 6:45, 9:15
**No discount coupons accepted for these shows.*

■ FLAGSHIP CINEMA 12

500 Kings Highway, New Bedford, MA.
Movie Hotline: 985-3000

Friday (Mar. 10) through Thursday (Mar. 16)
Mission to Mars (PG) – 12:20, 1:00, 2:50, 4:00, 5:10, 7:00, 7:35, 9:30, 10:00 *(12:00 midnight Fri/Sat only!)*
The Ninth Gate (R) – 12:25, 3:10, 6:55, 9:25 *(12:00 midnight Fri/Sat only!)*
Drowning Mona (PG-13) – 12:40, 2:45, 4:55, 7:05, 9:20
Three Strikes (R) – 12:55, 3:05, 5:10, 7:25, 9:50
Rocky Horror Picture Show (R) – *12:00 midnight Fri/Sat only!*
The Whole Nine Yards (PG-13) – 1:45, 4:00, 7:30, 9:45
Reindeer Games (R) – 12:15, 2:25, 4:40, 7:15, 9:35
Wonder Boys (R) – 12:35, 3:05, 7:10, 9:40
Scream 3 (R) – 7:40, 10:00
Snow Day (PG) – 12:50, 2:55, 4:50, 6:55, 9:00
The Tigger Movie (G) – 12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00
What Planet Are You From? – 1:05, 3:55, 7:10, 9:25
Stuart Little (PG) – 12:00
The Next Best Thing (PG-13) – 12:45, 3:15, 6:50, 9:30

■ GENERAL CINEMA 12

Faunce Corner Road, North Dartmouth, MA.
Movie Line: 999-3141

Friday (Mar. 10) through Thursday (Mar. 16)
Scream 3 (R) – 8:40
Wonder Boys (R) – 1:40, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30
Mission to Mars (PG) – 1:10, 1:50, 3:50, 4:30, 6:20, 7:00, 8:50, 9:30
Snow Day (PG) – 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:20
The Tigger Movie (G) – 1:30, 3:10, 4:50, 6:40
Reindeer Games (R) – 1:30, 4:40, 6:50, 9:00
Drowning Mona (R) – 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:10, 9:10
The Whole Nine Yards (R) – Fri: 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:10; Sat: 1:20, 4:10, 9:10; Sun-Thu: 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:10
The Next Best Thing (R) – 1:40, 4:30, 6:50, 9:20
The Ninth Gate (R) – 1:00, 3:40, 6:20, 9:00
American Beauty (R) – 1:20, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00
What Planet Are You From? (R) – 1:50, 4:20, 6:40, 8:50
The Sixth Sense (PG-13) – 9:20
Erin Brockovich (R) – *Sneak Preview Sat. (3/11) only at 6:30!*

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Doctor's Appointments

The Rochester COA van will take seniors to doctor's appointments — just call 763-8723 at least 24 hours in advance to schedule a ride.

Gospel Vespers in Mattapoisett

The Mattapoisett Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, will be hosting Gospel Vespers on Sunday evening, March 12, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. The church is delighted that the 12th Baptist Church Gospel Ensemble from Roxbury has agreed to participate. Children are welcome, and fellowship will follow. The church is located at 27 Church Street in Mattapoisett. All are invited to attend. A free-will offering will be taken to support the singers. For more information, please contact Liz Field or Rev. Raymond David Patch weekdays between 9:00 am and 12:00 noon at (508) 758-2671.

Health Fair in Marion

If you have wondered what is available to complement your present health care, you will have an opportunity to meet and talk with a variety of local area complimentary health care providers at the upcoming Holistic Health Information Fair on April 1. The fair will be held at the Marion Music Hall at 164 Front Street in Marion from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. In addition to being

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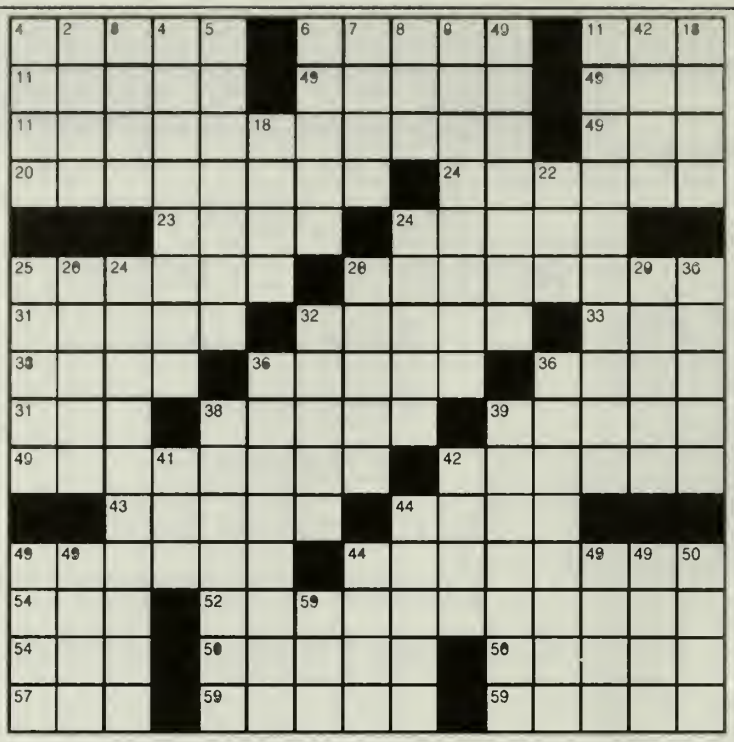

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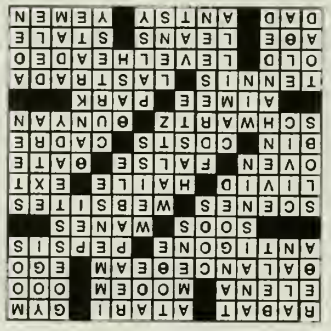

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This Week's Horoscope

by Linda Black

Aries (March 21-April 19). You may be in a contemplative mood. You may want to hide out, but you'll be rested up soon.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). You'll meet new friends. You may feel pressed to get something done. Hurry and do it. You can set your schedule and make a few solid decisions.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Focus on success. Look your best. Listen and learn from friends. Take care of business so you can relax.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Travel and higher education are the tone. You'll have to scurry to keep up with a stern taskmaster's demands. Your friends are a source of joy and comfort.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Be careful with your money. You'll be in a generous mood, but don't give away the store. Go for a run and try a route that's less-traveled.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Working well with your partner is important. This could mean making concessions. Count your money, especially your secret holdings.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Take care of others, but don't catch a cold in the process. Be sure you eat healthy, too. Follow your partner's lead to avoid a hassle. You're rewarded for a job well done.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Schedule an intimate, memorable romantic interlude. Your work gets in the way of everything else.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Listen to a loved one, in a private setting. That's the most loving gift you can offer. These days should be a lot of fun, with more action than words.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Get together with brothers and sisters. If you can't meet, at least call. Catch up on gossip.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Count your money and then buy yourself something you've always wanted. Investigate a topic you're passionate about.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). You're in the spotlight. Don't worry; you look marvelous! Use your imagination plus newfound confidence to increase your income.

If You're Having a Birthday This Week: The more you complete this year, the wiser you'll become. Let an old promise motivate you.

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Rep. Straus in Mattapoisett

State Representative William Straus (D-Mattapoisett) will hold district office hours at the Mattapoisett Council on Aging (COA) in the Knights of Columbus Hall on Friday, March 10 from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. No appointment is necessary.

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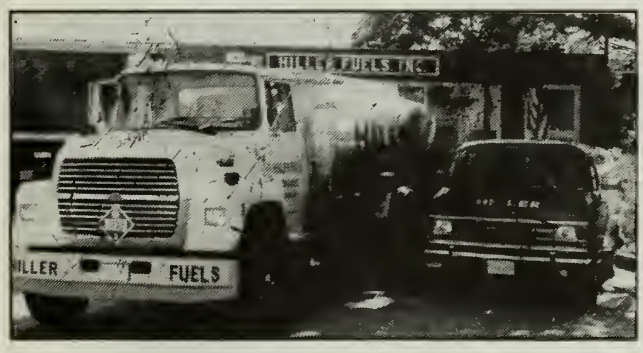

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LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following applications and petitions:

Petition of John A. and Karen G. Parker of 37 North Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 re property located at 37 North Street. The petitioners are seeking a Variance under Section 5.1.5.2 of the Zoning By-Law to construct a guesthouse for separate housing for family members and guests, which will not meet the required setbacks. The property is further described as Plat 9, Lot 13, on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, March 16, 2000 at 7:00 P.M. #868

Petition of Timothy and Greata Fox of 7 Ned's Point Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 re property located at 5-7 Ned's Point Road. The petitioners are seeking a Variance under Section 6.5 of the Zoning By-Law to subdivide an existing lot on which two buildings exist. The property is further described as Plat 7, Lot 26 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, March 16, 2000 at 7:20,P.M. #874

Application of Christopher Demakis of 10 Water Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 re property located at 10 Water Street. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under Section 3.1.2.1 of the Zoning By-Law for a change of use from a bakery to a bookstore/café with limited to go items. The property is further described as Plat 9, Lot 186 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, March 16, 2000 at 7:40 P.M. #875

Application of Robert & Donata H. Cassels of 11 Ivy Chase, Atlanta, Georgia 30342 re property located at 35 Main Street owned by John Musser. The applicants are seeking a Special Permit under Section 3.1.2.2 of the Zoning By-Law to construct an addition on the east side of the existing dwelling that will not meet a side setback. The property is further described as Plat 10, Lot 42 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, March 16, 2000 at 8:00 P.M. #876

Application of Donald & Nancy Blanchette of 400 Bridge Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719 re property located at 98 County Road. The applicants are seeking a Special Permit under Section 3.1.2.2 of the Zoning By-Law to construct a small addition that will not meet the required setbacks. The property is further described as Plat 6, Lots 118, and 119 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, March 16, 2000 at 8:20 P.M. #877

Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey R. Chase, Chairperson
Robert Bertrand
Nancy L. O'Brien
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Jack McGill 03/02, 03/09

LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF MARION
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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The Marion Board of Selectmen invites sealed bids for two 1997 Johnson Ocean Pros, 150 hp, 20" shaft, 365 hours, white, oil tanks, some accessories. For additional information, please call Charles J. Bradley, harbormaster, at (508) 748-3535.

Sealed bids marked "Outboard Motors" will be received at the Selectmen's Office, Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738 until 10:00am on Friday, March 17, 2000, at which time they will be publically opened and read.

The Selectmen reserve the right to reject any and all bids or to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

Loretta B. Schaefer, Chairman
Marion Board of Selectmen 3/9, 3/16

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
PUBLIC NOTICE

A public hearing will be held upon the petition of ComElectric for the location of (2) proposed pole locations on Upland Way, Mattapoisett. Hearing will be held in the first floor Conference Room of the Mattapoisett Town Hall on Tuesday, March 14, 2000 at 8:00pm.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Paul E. Lambalot, Chairman
Raymond H. Andrews, Clerk
Barry J. Denham 3/9

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
CELL TOWER COMMITTEE

The Rochester Cell Tower Committee will be conducting a public hearing to obtain input regarding issues concerning future wireless communications in the Town of Rochester. Information will be used as input toward the establishment of new zoning bylaws regarding cell towers. The public hearing will be conducted on March 30, 3000, in the Conferene Room of the Rochester Town Hall at 7:00pm.

Mark Wellington, Chairman 3/9, 3/16

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Board of Selectmen will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Com Electric who is proposing the installation of underground cable and conduit on Walnut Plain Road to service the Paradise Meadow Subdivision. Public hearing will be conducted on Monday, March 20, 2000, 7:05 pm in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall.

Richard D. Cutler, Chairman 3/9, 3/16

LEGAL NOTICES

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
Waterways Regulation Program
Notice of License Application pursuant to G.L. Chapter 91
Waterways License Application Number W96-7159
John A. Hall
Notification Date: March 9, 2000

Public notice is hereby given of the application by John A. Hall to maintain two existing floating docks at 454 Snipatuit Road, in the municipality of Rochester in and over the waters of Snipatuit Pond. The proposed use of the structures are for noncommercial docking and boating access to navigable waters and is a water-dependent project.

The Department will consider all written comments submitted within 30 days subsequent to the "Notification Date" in order to decide whether to grant authorization for the proposed activity pursuant to G.L. Chapter 91. A public hearing may be held upon written request by the municipal official. Furthermore, a municipality, ten citizen group or any aggrieved person that has submitted written comments may also petition to intervene to become a party before the close of the comment period. Failure to submit such petition will result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing. Further information regarding this application may be obtained by contacting the Division at (508) 946-2734. Plans and documents for this application are on file with the department for public viewing at the address below. Written comments should be addressed to Michael Ziencina, Environmental Analyst, DEP/Wetlands & Waterways Program, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347. This information is available in alternate format upon request to Bette Stewart, ADA Coordinator, BAS/HR, 4th Floor, One Winter Street, Boston, MA 02108. 03/09

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2000 at 7:00pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall Conference Room, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA, upon the application of San Jay Patel, Hika Corporation, 110 High Street, Danvers, MA for a transfer of liquor license. Transfer from David A. Fiocchi, DDR Enterprises Inc. d/b/a Mattapoisett Liquors to Hika Corporation d/b/a Mattapoisett Liquors, 62A Fairhaven Road, Mattapoisett, MA.

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Donations to the Scholarship/Education fund are always welcome and greatly appreciated. Checks may be dropped off at the Treasurer's office or mailed to: 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738.

School Committee Meetings

Following is a schedule of School Committee meetings for the month of March. All meetings are slated

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Cover letters and resumes to Charles J. Bradley, Harbormaster, Marion Town House, Two Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738 by 1:00pm on Thursday, March 30, 2000 clearly marked "Assistant Harbormaster."

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LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The Rochester Historic District Commission will hold a public hearing on March 29, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall. The subject of the hearing will be an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to be issued in accordance with the Historic District Act, Chapter 40C, Mass. General Laws as amended, and the Historict District By-law of the Town of Rochester. The application, which is summarized below, is available for public inspection at the Town Hall during regular business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Applicant: Dexter Lane Ball Field Area

Applicant: Tow of Rochester Parks Commission

The applicant seeks approval for the construction of a new building that will house equipment storage, concession stand and park toilet facilities.

Susan S. Adams, Chairman
Rochester Historic District Commission
03/09, 03/16

Words of Wisdom

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to begin at 7:30 pm (please note: the Marion School Committee will not hold a regular meeting in March):

• Monday, March 13 - Mattapoisett School Committee at Old Hammondtown School;

• Tuesday, March 14 - ORR District School Committee at ORR High School Library;

• Thursday, March 16 - Rochester School Committee at Memorial School (note: the date of the Rochester School Committee meeting may be changed — please call 758-2772, ext. 13 to check on the status of this meeting).

Summer Camp in Marion

The Marion Natural History Museum has announced Summer Camp 2000 for children entering grades 2 to 5. The goal is to introduce children to their natural environment in fun and thoughtful ways. Students will visit different watershed sites (rain or shine) to collect samples and with the use of microscopes, magnifying glasses, nets and field guides they hope to foster a lasting environmental awareness of our

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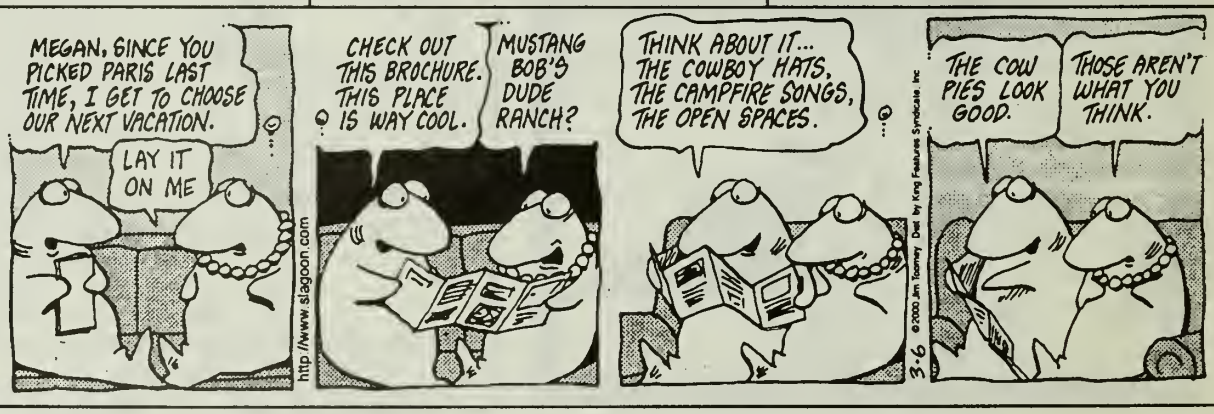

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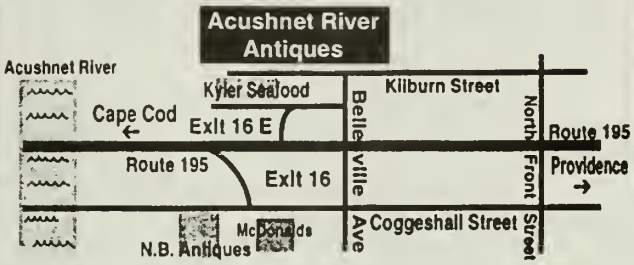

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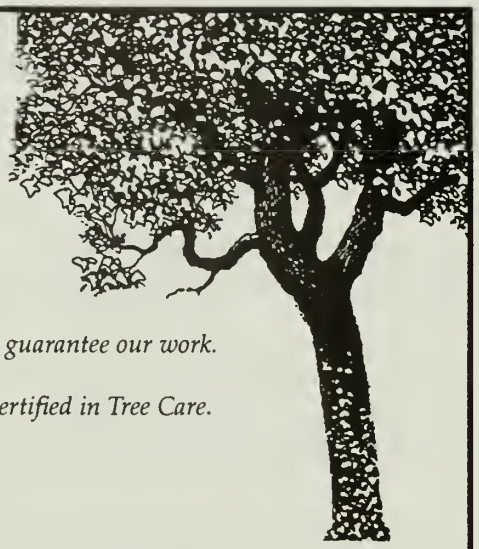

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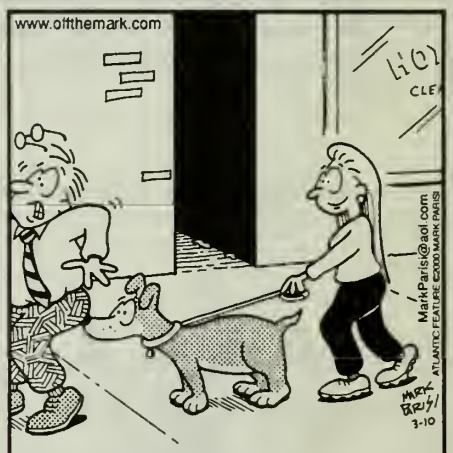

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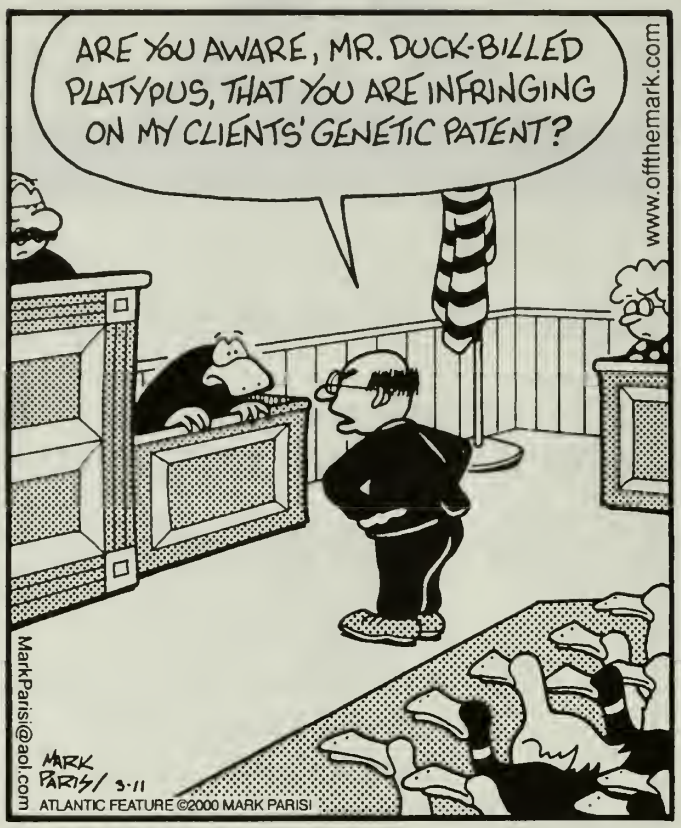

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March 10:	Fri.	10:54	11:20	4:05	4:17
March 11:	Sat.	11:47	. . .	4:55	5:05
March 12:	Sun.	12:16	12:47	5:52	6:03
March 13:	Mon.	1:19	1:53	6:59	7:10
March 14:	Tues.	2:26	2:59	8:19	8:30
March 15:	Wed.	3:31	4:02	9:43	9:53
March 16:	Thurs.	4:33	5:00	10:52	11:04
March 17:	Fri.	5:28	5:53	11:46	. . .
March 18:	Sat.	6:20	6:42	12:02	12:32
March 19:	Sun.	7:07	7:28	12:52	1:13
March 20:	Mon.	7:53	8:12	1:36	1:50
March 21:	Tues.	8:36	8:55	2:17	2:25
March 22:	Wed.	9:19	9:38	2:54	2:58
March 23:	Thurs.	10:02	10:22	3:29	3:30
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March 26:	Sun.	. . .	12:23	5:17	5:20

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